

# City Battles Snag in Airport Bond Issue

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IT'S REIGNING — These are the days for beauty queens, and Torrance's own Bette Boyd is getting her share of honors at Harbor College. Bette (left) is princess in court of homecoming Queen Marsha Tipich (center) and also is Harbor's candidate in Maid of Cotton beauty contest. At right is Elena Duran, sister princess. Maid of Cotton contest will run in Fresno this month.

## Wave of Indecent Exposure Hits City

### Restriction Stalls Bonds for Airport

With a deadline breathing hot on its neck, the City Council Monday night threw the entire airport revenue-bond proposal back at the Airport Commission with the suggestion that it meet in a crash program.

The bond issue, which would implement the airport master plan without cost to the taxpayers, is due for a rocky road if the city can't get the reversionary clause removed from its agreement with the federal government.

The airport, a P-38 base in World War II, was decided to Torrance in 1948 with the proviso that it be maintained as an airport or returned to the U.S. government.

This restriction makes the bonds less valuable, and it would be difficult to sell them.

Since Jack Egan was put in as airport manager two years ago, the city has continued to make a good profit from the airport. In the past two years, more than \$150,000 in improvements has been made.

Included in the new master plan are a new tower to operate round the clock (the present tower is in service from dawn to dark), more taxiways, service roads for occupants, and a new administration building.

Independent of the master plan is a tentative grading proposal so that, when utilities are installed, highway frontage can be leased from Crenshaw to Madison Ave. at a great profit to the city.

No opposition is expected in the City Council, but the members want the plan spelled out in precise terms so they'll know what they are voting for in the bond issue.

Egan irked the council and Tom Abrams, Airport Commission president, by making inquiries about selling pieces of airport property to subsidize improvements in lieu of the bond issue.

Councilman George Bradford declared he won't vote to sell city property—ever.

When the money is raised—by bonds or otherwise—the federal government will give more than dollar for dollar toward putting the master plan into effect.

Egan, City Manager George Stevens, and the Airport Commission will meet next Thursday and make their recommendations to the council the following Tuesday.

The bond issue is slated to go on the April ballot.

**CHURCH CENSUS SET**  
Lomita-Harbor City churches will begin a community-wide census today. The area from Vermont to Eschelman and Sepulveda to Palms Verdes Drive will be covered from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

**POSTMAN WILL WRING AFTER SALE SQUEEZE**  
Torrance residents who have bought children's books from doorstep salesmen are discovering the \$3 they pay is not a total price, but a down payment.

Gale Whitacre, city license inspector, countless times has cautioned against signing a contract—especially one from a door-to-door canvasser—without reading it.

In the case of the children's books, residents complained they were told the total tab is \$3. When they get the bill, it turns out to be \$20. No one rings your bell to do you a favor.



POLICE SHOW STAR—Jackie Hilliard, just back from his fifth engagement at the Palladium in London, where he did a command performance for the Queen, will convulse the audience at Torrance Police Show Saturday in Long Beach auditorium.

### Famed Comedian Signed; Police Show Dedicated to Memory of Bob Lewis

motorcycle officer and later was in charge of the motor squad. He was killed in traffic last August—the first Torrance policeman to die in the line of duty.

Most recent star to be signed by the association is Jackie Hilliard, whose fantastic comic style has rocked audiences the world over. He is fresh from a command performance before Queen Elizabeth II of England and recently has appeared at the Dunes in Las Vegas, the Coconut Grove, Los Angeles, Chez Paree in Chicago, and La Martinique in New York.

Running the gamut from rock 'n' roll to grand opera, Hilliard has appeared on the Milton Berle show, Ed Sullivan show, Playhouse '90, and others on TV. His humor is rivaled only by his great voice.

Hilliard will join Nelson Riddle's orchestra, Connie Haines, (Continued on Page 3)

**Press Offers Most Sure-Fire Ad Investments**  
The ad above run one time in The Press classified section. On the first call, Mrs. H. Lowman of Lomita made her sale, and at the asking price.

The many succeeding calls she received were another indication of the tremendous drawing power of The Press, always first in the Torrance area.

### Teen-Age Girls Outraged by Men's Varied Antics

Torrance detectives and juvenile officers this week are investigating a rash of a half-dozen cases of indecent exposure over a four-day period starting last weekend.

Two incidents, taking place in the 2300 blocks of 236th and 237th Sts., were ascribed to the same man who walked along the sidewalk appalling teen-age girls.

Another character drives a snappy sports car without bothering to put clothes on, and police are uncertain if he is an exhibitionist, sun addict, or forgetful. He is a blond and wears a goatee.

At least four different men are responsible for the antics, it was believed.

One subject displays himself from a hotel window after whistling for attention from the street.

The outbreak, directed principally at high-school girls, is unusual for this time of year. Generally those addicted to acts of this sort confine their impulses to summertime.

Police are watching for further incidents, and up to yesterday no arrests had been made.

### Hawthorne-Carson Traffic Signals Slated for Dec 1

Traffic signals for the lethal intersection of Carson and Hawthorne Blvd. likely will be installed by Dec. 1.

An air-special envelope yesterday morning carried a City Council resolution to Sacramento, adopting a budget and authorizing red tape and got state approval.

The state had to approve construction by the city. (Continued on page 7-A)

### Inside the Press

A score of indignant apartment-house owners converged on the City Tuesday night to protest inequities in the city's rubbish-removal program.

Officials are holding their heads in great pain over what Mayor Isen described as the city's No. 1 public-relations mess.

The council is forced to collect the money whether service is given or not; it is also forced to face the people who pay and get nothing. Earlier story of council's special Monday battle is on Page 2-A.

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### West High School Preliminary Plan OK'd by Board

Authorization to proceed with preliminary plans for West High School, which will be Torrance's fourth high school, was given Tuesday night by the Board of Education.

A general plan of buildings was presented at the board's last meeting, and authorization was granted for architect Roy Donley to proceed with preliminary plans. The proposed campus would be centered around a circular library building. Features of the new school, planned for a 1962 opening, were suggested after long study of best features of Torrance and other cities' new high schools.

### New Car Insurance Cut

Insurance policies with lower rates for small cars went on sale this week in offices of the Allstate Insurance Companies.

### Council Offers No Relief for Bus-Line Discomforts

The City Council went round and round over busses, termini, and toilets Monday night.

J. A. Beasley held with the premise that the bus route is a circuit, and there is no more reason to construct comfort facilities in the center of Torrance than at a stop in Waveria.

Nick Drale invited Beasley to go down to the central terminus at 7:30 a.m. and sit on a wet bench. Beasley invited Drale to go to Waveria at the same hour and sit on no bench.

Drale was immovable from his contention that "we need rest rooms. We can't expect people to sit on a wet bench and go to the bathroom alongside an oak tree."

Beasley contended this would not carry it far enough.

He said comfort arrangements should be made at every major stop.

Mayor Isen was all for investigating the feasibility of remodeling a building on city property behind the city hall. He declared this could be done at a fraction of the cost of a new bus station.

Beasley said administration of the bus line should be tightened to eliminate waste and overtime. He declared drivers here require their eight hours to be put in within a nine-hour period, where on other lines they put in their day within an 11-hour interval.

The council lamented light patronage of the system and noted that last year's loss of about

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TRANSIT COMPANY—Richard Forrest and Bruce Hazelton, students in Al Bjermeland's 6th and 7th grade at Riviera School measure

football field with homemade transit. Ingredients: scrapwood and bolts, paper-towel center, skate key, old faucet handle, other stuff.



THESE ARE THE GIRLS and the student body at North High will have a job picking a homecoming queen in such beauty. From left, first row: Nancy Taylor, Karen Lyden, Janet Tharp, Carol Hill, Judy Taylor, Carol Robinson, Susie Hayes, Karen

Peterson. Rear: Melodie Matheny, Betty Jo Reading, Kathy Hansen, Peggy Gutsch, Lynn d'Aloia, Bobbie Carse and Joyce Morris. Top five will be announced today and the queen will be named Monday.